

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.:	10/520,782	Confirmation No.: 2455
Applicant:	LENDLEIN, Andreas, <i>et al.</i>	
Filed:	December 16, 2005	
Title:	SYSTEMS FOR RELEASING ACTIVE INGREDIENTS, BASED ON BIODEGRADABLE OR BIOCOMPATIBLE POLYMERS WITH A SHAPE MEMORY EFFECT	
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Examiner:	AZPURU, Carlos A.	
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

**MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 15, 2009 and with a request for an extension of five (5) months, Applicants make the following election and request examination of the application.

**REMARKS**

**1. Restriction Requirement**

**Applicants hereby elect the species “films” in Claim 19.** This election reads at least on claims 1 – 16 and 18 - 22. The election is without Traverse.

Examination on the merits regarding the claims directed to this invention is requested. Applicants expressly reserve the right to rejoinder of the withdrawn process claims once the product claims are found allowable. Additionally, applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue other claims in a future continuation or divisional application(s) as appropriate.

**Conclusion**

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1349. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 that is not accounted for in the enclosed transmittal, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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